Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An inverter transformer which is provided in an inverter circuit to invert DC into AC,

and which transforms a voltage inputted at a primary side and outputs the transformed voltage at a secondary side, the inverter transformer comprising:

at least one winding unit comprising a bar-shaped magnetic core, and a primary winding and a secondary winding wound around the bar-shaped magnetic core; and

a magnetic resin formed of a resin containing a magnetic substance, the magnetic resin covering at least one portion of the winding unit with respect to a core length direction so that the primary and the secondary windings have respective predetermined leakage inductances.

- 2. (Original) An inverter transformer according to Claim 1, wherein the magnetic resin covers an entire portion of the winding unit with respect to the core length direction.
- 3. (Original) An inverter transformer according to Claim 1, wherein the magnetic resin covers, with respect to the core length direction, at least one of: both end portions of the winding unit; and a portion of the winding unit located at a boundary area between the primary and secondary windings.

- 4. (Currently Amended) An inverter transformer according to Claim 1 any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein an external unit having a larger saturation magnetic flux density than the magnetic resin is disposed so as to cover at least one portion of a circumference of a transformer body which comprises the at least one winding unit and the magnetic resin.
- 5. (Original) An inverter transformer according to Claim 4, wherein the external unit has a smaller magnetic resistance than the magnetic resin.
- 6. (Currently Amended) An inverter transformer according to Claim 4 or 5, wherein the external unit has one of a squared C configuration and a substantially circular configuration in cross section so as to cover the circumference of the transformer body.
- 7. (Currently Amended) An inverter transformer according to Claim 4 or 5, wherein the external unit comprises a plurality of members, and the members are combined into a box configuration so as to cover the transformer body.
- 8. (Currently Amended) An inverter transformer according to <u>Claim 4 any one of Claims 4 to</u> 7, wherein the external unit is made of a sintered material.
- 9. (Currently Amended) An inverter transformer according to <u>Claim 1</u> any one of <u>Claims 1</u> to8, wherein the magnetic resin has a smaller relative magnetic permeability than the barshaped magnetic core.
- 10. (Currently Amended) An inverter transformer according to Claim 1 any one of Claims 1

to 9, wherein the magnetic substance contained in the resin is one of Mn-Zn ferrite, Ni-Zn ferrite, and iron powder.